

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A bicycle control device comprising:
a mounting portion adapted to be coupled to a bicycle;
a control mechanism coupled to the mounting portion; and
a control lever operatively coupled to the control mechanism,
the control lever including an attachment section, an intermediate section extending from the attachment section and an actuating section extending from the intermediate section, the attachment section being operatively coupled to the control mechanism, at least one of the intermediate section and the actuating section having a hollow zone formed therein that extends axially along the at least one of the intermediate section and the actuating section of the control lever, the control lever being constructed of a cast material having an internal bore extending axially to form the hollow zone with the internal bore being surrounded by the cast material along a majority of an axial length of the internal bore, the internal bore having a substantially circular transverse cross-sectional shape such that the control lever has a non-uniform wall thickness as measured in a direction transverse to the axially extending internal bore between the internal bore and an external surface of the at least one of the intermediate section and the actuating section having the hollow zone formed therein.

2. (Original) The bicycle control device according to claim 1, wherein
the control lever is operatively coupled to the control mechanism to move along a first plane between a rest position and a operating position and along a second plane substantially perpendicular to the first plane between the rest position and a first position vertically spaced from the rest position.

3. (Original) The bicycle control device according to claim 1, wherein the control mechanism includes a shift control mechanism that is arranged and configured to control movement of a shift control cable upon movement of the control lever.

4. (Original) The bicycle control device according to claim 1, wherein the control mechanism includes a brake control mechanism.

5. (Original) The bicycle control device according to claim 1, wherein the hollow zone is formed in the actuating section and has a plug mounted therein at a free end of the actuating section to form a hollow interior area.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) The bicycle control device according to claim 1 ~~claim 6~~, wherein the control lever is constructed of cast aluminum.

8. (Currently Amended) A The bicycle control device according to claim 1, wherein comprising:
a mounting portion adapted to be coupled to a bicycle;
a control mechanism coupled to the mounting portion; and
a control lever operatively coupled to the control mechanism,
the control lever including an attachment section, an intermediate section extending from the attachment section and an actuating section extending from the intermediate section,
the attachment section being operatively coupled to the control mechanism, at least one of the intermediate section and the actuating section having a hollow zone formed therein that extends axially along the at least one of the intermediate section and the actuating section of the control lever,

the hollow zone being is a blind bore that is open at a free end of the actuating section of the control lever.

9. (Original - Withdrawn) The bicycle control device according to claim 1, wherein

the hollow zone extends between the intermediate section and the actuating section of the control lever.

10. (Currently Amended) A bicycle control device comprising:
a mounting portion adapted to be coupled to a bicycle handlebar;
a control mechanism coupled to the mounting portion; and
a control lever operatively coupled to the control mechanism to move along a first plane between a rest position and a operating position and along a second plane substantially perpendicular to the first plane between the rest position and a first position vertically spaced from the rest position,

the control lever including an attachment section and an actuating section extending from the attachment section, the attachment section being operatively coupled to the control mechanism, the actuating section having a first actuation surface extending in a direction substantially perpendicular to the first plane and an inclined second actuation surface facing substantially away from the first actuation surface downwardly and towards the handlebar, the inclined second actuation surface extending in a direction intersecting the first and second planes,

the inclined second actuation surface having a transverse height that is at least one-half of the transverse height of the first actuation surface with the transverse heights being measured in directions perpendicular to the first plane, and the transverse height of the first actuation surface being more than half of an overall transverse height of the actuating section as measured in directions perpendicular to the first plane.

11. (Original) The bicycle control device according to claim 10, wherein the control mechanism includes a shift control mechanism that is arranged and configured to control movement of a shift control cable upon movement of the control lever along the second plane.

12. (Original) The bicycle control device according to claim 10, wherein the control lever includes a brake cable attachment portion arranged and configured to pull a brake control cable upon movement of the control lever from the rest position to the operating position when a substantially rearward force is applied to the first actuation surface.

13. (Original) The bicycle control device according to claim 12, wherein the control lever is normally biased toward the rest position in order to release the brake control cable after moving the control lever to the operating position and releasing the control lever.

14. (Original) The bicycle control device according to claim 13, wherein the control mechanism includes a shift control mechanism that is arranged and configured to control movement of a shift control cable upon movement of the control lever along the second plane.

15. (Original - Withdrawn) The bicycle control device according to claim 10, wherein the control mechanism includes a piston and cylinder structure in order to actuate a hydraulic brake mechanism when a substantially rearward force is applied to the first actuation surface.

16. (Original - Withdrawn) The bicycle control device according to claim 15, wherein the control lever is normally biased toward the rest position in order to release the hydraulic brake mechanism after moving the control lever to the operating position and releasing the control lever.

17. (Original- Withdrawn) The bicycle control device according to claim 16, wherein

the control mechanism includes a shift control mechanism that is arranged and configured to control movement of a shift control cable upon movement of the control lever along the second plane.

18. (New) A bicycle control device comprising:

a mounting portion adapted to be coupled to a bicycle handlebar;

a control mechanism coupled to the mounting portion; and

a control lever operatively coupled to the control mechanism to move along a first plane between a rest position and a operating position and along a second plane substantially perpendicular to the first plane between the rest position and a first position vertically spaced from the rest position,

the control lever including an attachment section and an actuating section extending from the attachment section, the attachment section being operatively coupled to the control mechanism, the actuating section having a first actuation surface extending in a direction substantially perpendicular to the first plane and an inclined second actuation surface facing substantially away from the first actuation surface downwardly and towards the handlebar, the inclined second actuation surface extending in a direction intersecting the first and second planes,

the inclined second actuation surface having a transverse height that is at least one-half of the transverse height of the first actuation surface with the transverse heights being measured in directions perpendicular to the first plane,

the actuating section having a hollow zone formed therein that extends axially along the actuating section of the control lever, the hollow zone being a blind bore that is open at a free end of the actuating section of the control lever.

19. (New) The bicycle control device according to claim 18, wherein

the control lever is constructed of a cast material that is drilled in order to form the hollow zone.

20. (New) The bicycle control device according to claim 8, wherein the control lever is constructed of a cast material that is drilled in order to form the hollow zone.